

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 489, 2/27/2017; SB 15, 2/27/2017; SB 284, 2/27/2017

HEARING ON SB 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:09 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 15, Revise collection of payment for historic rights of way.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:02:15 Rep. Fleming joined the meeting

00:03:36 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:06 Chair White

00:04:25 Sen. Cohenour

00:05:40 Chair White

00:06:04 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:06:33 Chair White

00:06:43 Sen. Cohenour

00:07:28 Chair White

00:07:37 Rep. Flynn

00:08:06 Sen. Cohenour

00:08:14 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:38 Sen. Cohenour

Committee Business:

00:09:55 Chair White

[**EXHIBIT\(nah52a01\)**](#)

00:13:40 Rep. Fitzgerald joined the meeting

HEARING ON SB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:09 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 284, generally revise laws related to sage grouse.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:22 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:39:43 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

00:40:25 Mark Baker, Denbury Resources

00:42:19 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:42:43 Rep. Z. Brown joined the meeting

00:43:32 Jeff Wivholm, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:44:09 Carolyn Sime, Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team (MSGOT)

00:44:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:45:29 Wilson Ilgenfritz, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:46:02 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:46:41 Ken McDonald, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:20 Chair White
00:50:28 Dave Galt, MPA
00:51:22 Rep. Flynn
00:53:22 Ken McDonald, FWP
00:53:57 Rep. Curdy
00:54:19 Ken McDonald, FWP
00:55:12 Rep. Curdy
00:56:30 Carolyn Sime, MSGOT
00:57:13 Rep. Fleming
00:57:58 Ken McDonald, FWP
00:58:27 Rep. Fleming
00:59:01 Rep. Gunderson
00:59:10 Ken McDonald
00:59:16 Carolyn Sime, MSGOT
01:00:08 Rep. Court
01:00:38 Sen. Lang
01:02:55 Rep. Flynn
01:03:47 Sen. Lang
01:03:48 Chair White
01:07:18 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:06 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON HB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:59 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 489, Provide regulations for moored vessels.

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:56 Bill Myers, Pointers Scenic Cruises; Bayside Park and Marine Center
01:33:59 Ron Jendro, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:38 Tony Price, Self

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a12\)](#)

01:46:57 Ben Lard, Self

[EXHIBIT\(nah52a13\)](#)

02:02:18 Patrick Campanella, Self

02:05:58 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:15:15 Rep. Manzella

02:17:37 Ben Lard, Self

02:20:27 Rep. Gunderson

02:22:25 Ben Lard, Self

02:23:25 Rep. Z. Brown

02:25:19 Ron Jendro, FWP

02:25:55 Rep. Flynn

02:28:08 Rep. Noland

02:29:13 Rep. Flynn

02:29:55 Ron Jendro, FWP

02:30:14 Chair White

02:31:43 Bob Gilbert, WUM

02:31:55 Chair White

02:35:20 Ben Lard, Self

02:36:38 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:07 Rep. Noland

ADJOURNMENT

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02:44:21

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah52aad.pdf](#))